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AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.312 and 1.121

Sir:

Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance of December 2, 2005 in the application identified above, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendment to correct a formal matter. (This amendment is being filed currently with payment of the issue fee in the instant case, which act is pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.)

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.